

Dear Sirs and Madames:

As a consumer, I am paying for the entertainment broadcast into my home. Either through cable fees, commercial television, or a combination of both. When impossible or inconvenient to view any particular program when broadcast, I will either not watch it, or I will record it for later viewing. I am sure there are many millions of viewers who do the same. We are not pirates, we are just paying consumers who wish to have a choice over when to consume the product we are paying for. Those pirates who wish to profit from these productions, from what I have read, have generally gained access prior to the general public anyway, and will always find a way around the laws and scrambling technology.

I urge you to reject the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking #02-230, which would limit the functionality of digital television sets.

Thank you for your attention.